The Daily Drool



Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers.

And we get really excited about car rides!

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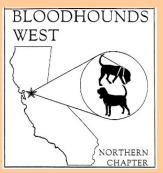
Welcome to another special pandemic issue of *The Daily Drool*. While we are still "sheltered-at-home," we have our hounds to keep us sane – or mostly sane as you'll read. Some of this content was taken from past issues of *BONCKERS*, 2017 to 2018. This issue's blue theme is to honor all our healthcare workers on the frontlines.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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President's Message



Aldo Branch, President Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

Hello Northern Chapter Members and Friends,

I hope all is well, and that you have adjusted to Social Distancing/Shelter-in-Place guidelines. Perhaps some of you have, or soon will be, returning to work. I hope you will continue

to follow distancing guidelines as much as possible, and be safe. We all look forward to resuming our normal lives, but let's not get careless in the process.

I know my dogs, "Saidee" and "Ruby," have helped comfort and entertain **Diane** and me while we spend so much time at home. I think they actually miss dog shows as much as we do. Socializing and having fun with our friends at trailing camps and dog shows is something I truly look forward to resuming.

I am sure the shutdown has negatively impacted many of us financially. For those that are having trouble feeding or caring for your dogs because of financial hardship, please remember that the *Banjo Fund* was set up to provide some assistance for those members

in need of a little financial help. If you are able, perhaps now is a good time to consider donating to the *Banjo Fund* to help support your fellow members in times of need, now or in the future. Additional information is provided in this issue of the Daily Drool.

Once again, I will also make a plea for help with the 2020 National Specialty. Please contact *Lisa Jones* if you can help in any way. There is still much to do to be ready by October. Check the National Specialty website (www.2020abcnational.com), and Facebook group, regularly for updates.

I hope to see you all soon. Stay safe.

Aldo

President, BWNC abranchsi@hotmail.com



President's Message



Jan Stallings, President Bloodhounds West, Southern Chapter

Greetings all!

Here is hoping that this message finds you and your family and friends healthy and happy. It's a crazy world out there right now, and I hope that you are all finding ways to

cope with all of the social changes. Certainly, it has given each of us an opportunity to redirect our time and focus a little closer to home. My household stays extremely busy. Patsy and I are both employed in "essential" businesses. I work for a large commercial laboratory in I.T. and have been directly involved in the "behind the scenes" database builds of the COVID-19 testing that is being done. (It is ever changing, and requires attention every day!) I have been very lucky that I am working full time from home. It certainly seems to make the pups happy to have someone at their beck and call...at least that is what they think! Patsy is in the grocery business, and I can't even begin to tell you how busy she stays, and how this all has affected her everyday work life. With that, our "free" time has not increased with the social distancing and quarantine time. We are grateful for that.

That being said, I know that is not the case for the rest of the world. If you, or any members of our club, find themselves needing a little financial assistance in caring for your hounds, we hope that you or they will reach out. Bloodhounds West, North, has a fund available called *The Banjo Memorial Fund*. They have generously opened this up to Southern members for anyone in need. I would encourage any of you to donate to this fund if you are in a position to do so. You may donate through PayPal to bloodhoundswestnc@gmail.com. You will be able to find more information on this in *The Daily Drool*.

I know that there have been inquiries on the status of the 2020 Nationals due to the pandemic. The Board and the National Committee members are expected to teleconference this week to have discussions on this very topic. We will share information as it becomes available. Fingers and paws are crossed on our ability to move forward.

I know we are all ready to get back out there; dog shows, trailing, social gatherings. I miss everyone and the camaraderie the club gatherings provide. Until we can get together again, I raise my glass to you all.

Stay well and hug your dog (but not your friends, for now!)

Jan

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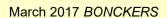


Come on mom, we know you are eating something good, share it!



Ugh, enough. Stop kissing me – Social Distance!

Laura Entrekin's "Mac" 6 years old and "Maggie" 3 years old







Hey, baby, meeting you has given me a new leash on life.







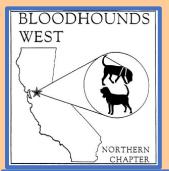
Hey there, beautiful - looking for an Alpha dog?



In my defense, I was left unsupervised.

All photos, but not the lines, by Nona Perez

Membership Matters



Cynthia Goble, Membership Chair Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

"Bloodhounds West In The Time Of Corona"

Bloodhounds West salutes frontline health workers, from doctors to hospital cleaners and from nursing home aides to paramedics.



for risking their lives to help others during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you review this edition of *The Daily Drool*, you will notice the blue-themed background color selected to honor these gallant individuals. Many of these heroes have already died in the pandemic and many more have been infected, and sadly the numbers may continue to climb.

In a time of uncertainty brought on by pandemic, we hope a little laughter will bring back a feeling of normalcy for each of you, even if for only a few moments. This special newsletter is intended to bring on laughs with its clever humor and one-liners.

I have enjoyed working with Bloodhounds West members to gather quarantine photos of your bloodhounds (past and present) to share with all of you. Hearing from members makes my time sheltering at home seem more normal. Hope you enjoy the photos, they let you know we are all in this together.

So, to let you know how much fun I have had working on this special edition, I'll end this message with some uplifting bloodhound wag-gishness.

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?



A bloodhound slobber towel. Never leave home without it!



"Katie"

Cynthia "Cindy" Goble
BWNC Membership Chair

Bloodhound Member Support

Both chapters of Bloodhounds West are greatly concerned about the welfare of our members and their bloodhounds during this COVID-19 pandemic. The Northern Chapter created the Banjo Memorial Fund several years ago to assist members faced with sudden veterinary bills. They have opened the Fund to any Bloodhounds West member who may need financial assistance in support of their hound.

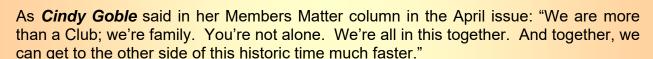
On the next page is a story by **Cindi Sims** from the June 2016 **BONCKERS** newsletter that describes the origin of the Fund.

Any Bloodhounds West member who may be faced with difficulty meeting vet bills or even

buying dog food during these turbulent times is welcome to apply for funds. Simply contact your Chapter President:

CH Misty-Trails Dawns Banjo Tracker, CD TD

Aldo Branch (<u>abranchsj@hotmail.com</u>) or Jan Stallings (<u>rupaulcc@yahoo.com</u>) to apply.



On the other hand, if you are wondering what to do with your "stimulus check," please consider making a small donation to the Fund. Your gift to the Banjo Memorial Fund supports members and their bloodhounds in immediate crisis and provides critical funding for those who love them and have nowhere else to turn.

You may donate using www.PayPal.com. Enter bloodhoundswestnc@gmail.com into the box and note that it's for the Banjo Fund.

You may also send a check, payable to Bloodhounds West, to the Northern Chapter Treasurer: **Debbie Pray**, BWNC Treasurer

3810 Coronado Way San Bruno, CA 94066

There's no easier and more meaningful way to help our members and their beloved blood-hounds in need of benevolence.

"You're not alone. We're all in this together."

Bloodhound Support

June 2016 BONCKERS

"The Banjo Memorial Fund" by Cindi Sims

Many of you may wonder what **The Banjo Fund** is - I'll tell you how it all began.

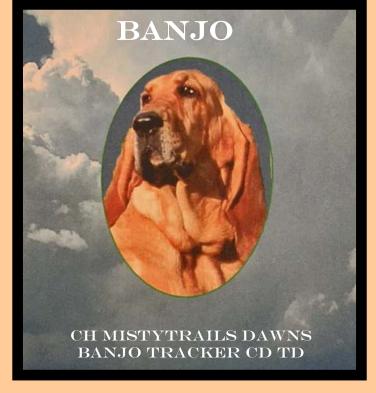
We all have special hounds and I had one back in 2005 called "Banjo" (CH Misty-Trails Dawns Banjo Tracker, CD TD). She was my first Bloodhound. I bred her to a beautiful Bloodhound in our club hoping for a litter of healthy pups. Did everything I was supposed to: vet visits, supplements, X-rays, ultrasound.

"Banjo's" litter was due in three weeks when she started running a high fever. Blood work came back way off. The vet started IVs and we brought her to an emergency

clinic that could better treat her. We discovered "Banjo" had contracted immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. She was on a fetal monitor and we could watch the puppies who didn't seem under stress. We were hoping to keep "Banjo" comfortable and alive long enough to take the puppies by C-section.

"Banjo" fought a hard fight but I could see that it was time. She went peacefully along with her eight puppies on February 25th. I was devastated. "Banjo" was my device dog. "Banjo" was later nominated for an AKC ACE award and received honorable mention.

Due to the high medical bills I acquired during this time, Bloodhounds



West set up a memorial fund for Banjo and made a large donation. Then began a tremendous out-pouring of support, financially and emotionally. It was amazing. People I didn't even know shared my grief and offered support.

After helping pay the vet bills, Bloodhounds West used the balance of money to form **The Banjo Memorial Fund**. A percentage of anything I sell in the Bloodhound Boutique or through embroidery always goes to the fund and some people donate also.

If ever you know anyone who is having a great hardship and can't cover the cost of vet bills, please let us know so we can help in anyway we can.

I treasure your memories, "Banjo."

Day 4 of Homeschooling: Things are going well, two students suspended for fighting and the teacher fired for drinking on the job.

Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.



Kay Schmitt: Not keeping social distancing!

This photo makes me giggle...the boy on the left is "Lucky" (Maple Hill's Luck at Midnight) and the girl on the right is "Erin" (Maple Hill's Cool Irish Mist).

They were litter mates born in 1998 and crossed the rainbow bridge in 2008.

Day 8 of Homeschooling: If you see me talking to myself, it's just a parent/teacher conference.

Day 11 of Homeschooling: Does giving your kids a bath count as a marine biology field trip?



Debbie Levy's "Poppy" 5 years old "Will the global nightmare

ever end?"

"Poppy" is passing time sleeping, eating, sleeping, hanging out with her canine buddy ("Hank"), cats and livestock friends, sleeping, and more sleeping. Frankly, it's not all that different than normal!

Day 14 of Homeschooling: If you see my kids locked outside, it's just that we are having a fire drill.

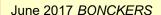
Day 17 of Homeschooling: You think it's bad now? In 20 years, our country will be run by people homeschooled by day drinkers.

[Editor: this page is for my daughter, Rachel, who is homeschooling her five kids, ages 8 to 13]



Cynthia "Cindy" Goble's "Ziggers" (1984-1995)

Calm, sweet, and dignified beyond belief – "Ziggers" wouldn't even venture out in the rain. He was sensitive and listened patiently – and always seemed to understand, he was the best therapist in the world.



A Little Bloodhound Humor



I went to an exclusive kennel club. It was very exclusive. There was a sign out front: "No Dogs Allowed." -- Phil Foster

"A well-trained bloodhound will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it." -- Helen Thomson





Landa Coldiron's "Diana" about 8 years old and "Pepper Potts" 4 years old

"Diana" (left) is my main search dog. Here she is patiently waiting for her turn to train during our quarantine.

"Pepper Potts" (second in command) is also a great Search and Rescue dog. She has been enjoying more bed time during quarantine.

Bloodhound owners are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster this morning and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant.

In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over!

The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to... yes, you guessed it... pull myself together. A walk with my bloodhound will do just that!

Marti Michalis' "Sherman" 1 year old

"Sherman" had his gastropexy surgery during quarantine. He got to stay at home with 24/7 care for his recovery.



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Bloodhounds in Poetry

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Barry Cornwall was a pseudonym used by **Bryan Procter** (1787-1874) to publish stories and poems during his career in law, including a period as the "Commissioner in Lunacy." In 1832 he released a collection of songs and poems titled **English Songs, and other small poems**. That book's "Part the First" contained 50 poems including **The Bloodhound** presented here.

THE BLOODHOUND

Come, Herod, my hound, from the stranger's floor!
Old friend, we must wander the world once more!
Fore no one now liveth to welcome us back:
So, come! let us speed on our fated track.
What matter the region, what matter the weather,
So you and I travel, till death, together?
And in death? – why even there I may still be found
By the side of my beautiful black bloodhound.

We've traversed the desert, we've traversed the sea,
And we've trod on the heights where the eagles be;
Seen Tartar, and Arab, and swart Hindoo;
(How thou pull'dst down the deer in those skies of blue!)
No joy did divide us; no peril could part
The man from his friend of the noble heart;
Ay, his friend; for where – where shall there ever be found
A friend like his resolute fond bloodhound?

What, Herod, old hound! Dost remember the day When I fronted the wolves, like a stag at bay? When downwards they galloped to where we stood, Whilst I staggered with fear in the dark pine wood? Dost remember their howlings? Their horrible speed? God, God! How I prayed for a friend in need! And he came! Ah! 'twas then, my dear Herod, I found That the best of all friends was my bold bloodhound.

Men tell us, dear friend, that the noble hound
Must for ever be lost in the worthless ground:
Yet, 'Courage' - 'Fidelity' - 'Love' - (they say)
Bear *Man*, as on wings, to his skies away.
Well, Herod, - go tell them whatever may be
I'll hope I may ever be found by thee.
If in sleep, - in sleep; if with skies abound,
May'st thou follow ever thither, my dear bloodhound!



(Sources: book, Google, and Wikipedia)



Dr. Laura Peterson-Bolt's"Kelly" 4 years old

"Kelly" and "Maggie" certainly love my kids and me being home all the time. They make our days much brighter! The girls are getting more walks by my sons and playing in backyard.

Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

I swear my fridge just said "What do you want now?"

When this is over...what meeting do I attend first...Weight Watchers or AA?

PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Dr. Laura Peterson-Bolt's "Maggie" 4 years old

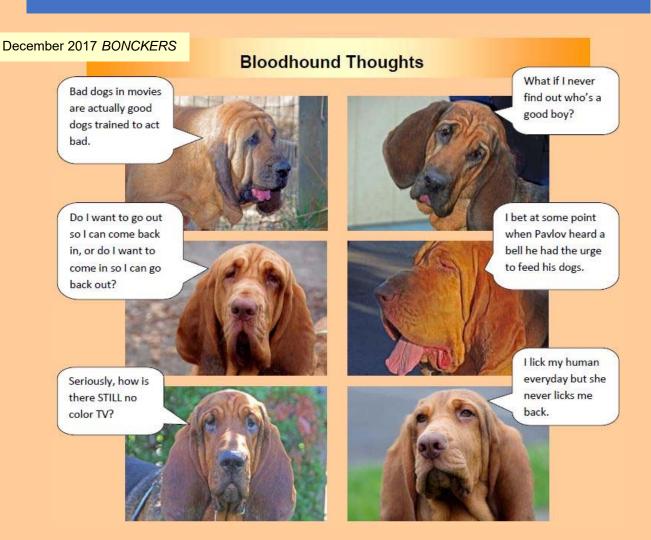
"Maggie" and "Kelly" are sisters from a litter bred by the late **Sherri McGuire**.







Claudia Myers' "Katie" 7 years old We moved our bedroom downstairs after Charlie's fall on November 29th & Katie loved "her couch" now made into a permanent bed!







Suzi Paine's "Shadow" 3.5 years old
She loves it when I work from home.

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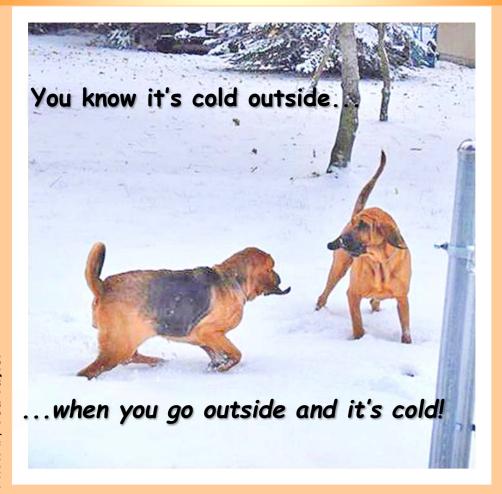
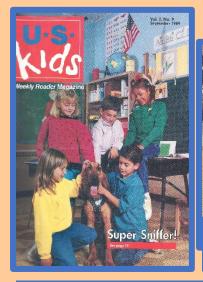


Photo by **Ted Taylor**





"When the knife used by a stabbing subject couldn't be found, Pat Moffitt and her bloodhound were called in to find it."



All the humans

Pat Moffitt's "Sadie," "Jessie," and "Player" (left to right)

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

This virus has done what no woman had been able to do...cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!

Year 2019: Stay away from negative people.

Year 2020: Stay away from positive people.

Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this corona-virus and be done?! I feel like a kindergartner who keeps losing more recess time because one or two kids can't follow directions.

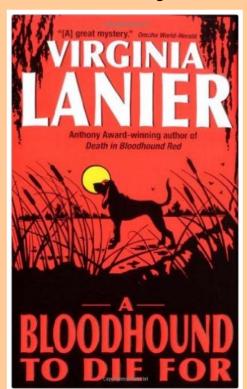


Bloodhounds in Literature

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Virginia Lanier (1930-2003) was an American mystery fiction writer, author of a series of six novels featuring bloodhound trainer *Jo Beth Siddon* and her hounds. All the novels feature bloodhounds in the title and plot, including *A Bloodhound To Die For* (2003), her final story, from which this passage is taken.

The family and Hank all stood on the front porch watching Gulliver traverse an eight-foot area back and forth with me trailing behind. He was



trying to pick up the one scent that he had been trained to search for and identify, and separate it from the thousand others that were in the air and on the ground.

Even after seeing this for several years on hundreds of trails, I was still amazed by the awesome ability that had been bred into this noble bloodhound breed, and their enduring trait of following where their noses led them until they dropped. Owners and trainers fed them, cared for them, gave them rules of conduct. Then we could only follow along behind and let them do the work and perform their magic. ...

I knew the day was slipping away in the afternoon sunshine, but you can't rush a bloodhound's nose.

followed Gulliver as he was heading again for the backyard and lifted my gaze to the edge of the clearing. There was a narrow path there that led to the creek where we had found her last year.

"Gulliver stopped so suddenly. . ."

Gulliver stopped so suddenly, just when I had taken my eyes off him, and turned so quickly, he almost ran into me reversing his forward motion. I danced out of his way as he hurried by, hesitated for a heartbeat, and took a new direction that headed directly for the creek path. His tail was high and rigid. His body stance became taller and his pace increased. I trotted behind him with quickening breaths of tentative optimism. He seemed to be locked onto a viable man-trailing scent ...(Source: book and Wikipedia)



Landa Coldiron "Glory" (2007-2019)

My bloodhound, "Glory," winner of 2015 American Humane Hero Dog Award -Search & Rescue Dog Category.

Photo taken the evening prior to awards ceremony

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A Little Bloodhound Humor

My neighbor knocked on my door this morning at 2 AM. Luckily, I was still up watching my bloodhound howl at the full moon.

"Darla" and "Denali'



How do you keep your bloodhound from baying in the front yard?

Put him in the backyard.



Al and Sue Gelder's "Augie" 9 months "Augie" did a little dance for me earlier this year. I wish I had been taking a video but, oh well!

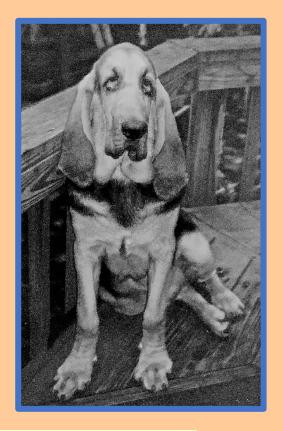
Quarantine has me realizing why my hound gets so excited about something moving outside and going for walks and car rides – I just barked at a squirrel.

I looked into her eyes, deep into the warm chocolate brown, my heart fluttered, I felt a connection, something deeper, something magical and I thought, wow, these binoculars are brilliant.



Kay Schmitt's "Rocky" (12) and "Chase" (9 years old)

My current "boys", the whippets, are thrilled with shelter in place as it keeps me with them at home and on much longer walks in the morning and afternoon.



Cynthia Goble's "Andy" (1995-2007)

Named after fictional television character **Sheriff Andy Taylor** of Mayberry, played by **Andy Griffith**, "Andy" was a true Southern Bloodhound, laid-back and mild-mannered.

Owned and greatly missed by *Cynthia Goble.*

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A Little Bloodhound Humor

I gave my bloodhound some garlic to protect against vampires...now his bark is worse than his bite.

"Darla" and "Denali'



What do you mean, my bloodhound was chasing a guy on a bike?

My hound doesn't ride a bike.



Nona Perez's "Dixie" 10 months

"Dixie" was born in West Virginia on July 2, 2019 and took a road trip with my brother as soon as she was weaned. On the way, she met my aunt and uncle and cousins in North Carolina before making her way to me in California.



"Dixie" is currently a big bumbling puppy, trying to contain her excitement around my grandchildren and our cats. She trails them around the yard whenever she gets the chance. We are looking forward to getting into mantrailing as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

Day 7 at home and my bloodhound is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

This morning I saw my neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my bloodhound... we laughed a lot.





Marina and Michael Mulvey's "Lily" almost 4 years old These photos depict what "Lily" has been up to during quarantine. While she does enjoy spending many hours on her couch or chair, she longs to go out and romp in her new home in Tahoe!



Mike McMillan's "Basker" 7 years old

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.

It's about learning how to dance in the rain." ~ Vivian Greene

A Little Bloodhound Humor

Bloodhounds can't talk and everybody loves them. This is no coincidence.

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What kind of dog is rich?

A bloodhound, because he's always picking up cents.



Jan Stalling's "Morticia" 5½ months old It's getting hot in AZ so she spends a lot of time doing this.



We are gearing up for when we can hit our first show. "Morticia" got a new trolley she wants to try out!

ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be a free public seminar on the topic of "Avoiding crowds during the coronavirus pandemic." Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Working from home means learning to type with one hand so I can pet my bloodhound with the other hand.

Hold your ground! Hold your ground!
Sons of Gondor, of Rohan, my brothers,
I see in your eyes the same fear that would take the heart of me.

A day may come when the courage of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship,

but it is not this day.

An hour of wolves and shattered shields, when the age of men comes crashing down,

but it is not this day!

Aragorn's battle speech at the Black Gate "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003)

The Last Page



Ahead of attacks on its cities during World War II, the British government issued and displayed three posters with messages written to boost morale and mentally prepare its civilians. One of them, "Keep calm and carry on," has grown in popularity over the years because its message is applicable beyond its original intent. It's also poignant now that coronavirus is invoking comparisons to world war.

This image is of *Major Edwin Richardson*, Army Officers, and two of his bloodhounds during the first World War. In his 1918 book, "My Forty Years with Dogs," he recorded his training methods used for both police and military working dogs. Most of what is known about the early 20th century history of war dogs is due to his articles and dispatches at the time. (Source: k9history.com)

